(b) the dates on which such applications were received, name-wise and date-wise;

(c) the dates on which such telephones were disconnected in each case; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received in this behalf, if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken on such complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, No such applications have been received during the first week of June, 1997 for disconnection of telephones working in Mohan Nagar.

(b) to (d) Docs not arise in view of (a) above.

Post Offices in Tamil Nadu

611. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayats in the Slate of Tamil Nadu which have demanded for opening of post offices during the last two years;

(b) the total number of post offices opened in that State during the last two years;

(cj the total number of sub-post Offices upgraded into post office in the State during the last two years; and

(d) the total number of post offices Government is planning to open in the entire Stale of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Ninety-three (93) Panchayats in the State of Tamil Nadu have demanded for opening of Post Offices during the last two years.

(b) Thirty-five (35) Post Offices opened in that State during the last two years.

(c) (i) No. Sub Post Office was upgraded to Head Post Office in the Slate during the last two years. .

(ii) One Branch Post Office was upgraded t o Sub Post Office in the State during the last two years.

(d) The plan target lor Tamil Nadu for ihe year 1998,99 is Ten (10) lixtra-Departmental Branch Post Offices and Two (2) Departmental Sub Posl Offices.

Post Offices arc opened subject to fulfilment of existing norms, availability of resources and plan targets.

Telecommunication Network in Orissa

612. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken towards expansion and modernisation of Telecommunication network in Orissa during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the programmes proposed in that regard for that State for Ninth Five Year .Plan; and

(c) the details thereof?

HIE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-CATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The information is given in the Statement — 1. *(see* below)

(b) and (c) "The information is given m the Statement — II. *(see* below)

Statement - I

The important step taken and the achievement towards expansion and modernisation of telecommunication network in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan is as follows:

— Total equipped switching capacity added 149331
— Total DELs added 118261
— The No. of telephone exchanges added 196
— STD stations added 498 (STD facility has been provided to all the District Hqs., Sub Divisional Hqs.